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1. IN A NOTE DATED MAY 3,1973, SOVIET MISSION IN GENEVA ANNOUNCED TO PERM REPS THAT IT WAS RUNNING V. I. GOROSHKIN FOR CHAIRMAN OF GOVERNING BODY FOR 1973-74 TERM.

2. ARGENTINA PLANNED TO RUN FOR CHAIRMANSHIP, BUT CONDITIONS
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ATTENDING TRANSITION TO NEWLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT COUPLED WITH FORMAL SOVIET ANNOUNCEMENT OF ITS CANDIDACY, CREATE STRONG DOUBTS ABOUT ARGENTINA'S WILLINGNESS TO PURSUE THIS INITIATIVE FURTHER.

3. ALTHOUGH UK REPS, FOR PAST TWO YEARS, HAVE BEEN EVASIVE AND GENERALLY UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THEIR ENTERING A CANDIDATE IN DIRECT COMPETITION WITH USSR, THEY HAVE NOT GIVEN US A CLEAR AND DECISIVE NEGATIVE. BOTH THE BRITISH LABOR ATTACHE IN A RECENT INQUIRY HERE, AND ALUN MORGAN IN HIS RECENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF (REFTEL) TOOK POSITIONS THAT COULD BE INTERPRETED AS LEAVING THE DOOR AJAR.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH UK GOVT, STATING THAT IT IS ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, AND REQUEST SPECIFIC REPLY ASAP TO FOLLOWING QUESTION: IN VIEW OF SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES A SOVIET CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNING BODY IS LIKELY TO HAVE FOR U. S. PARTICIPATION IN THE ILO, WOULD THE UK GOVT NOMINATE A COMPETING CANDIDATE FOR THE 1973-74 TERM IF AND WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR THAT ARGENTINA WILL NOT PURSUE ITS CANDIDACY? YOU MAY COMMIT THE USG TO SUPPORT OF A BRITISH CANDIDATE.

5. EMBASSY MAY INFORM UK GOVT THAT SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FOR 8.6 MILLION DOLLARS, WHICH WOULD PAY U. S. ASSESSMENTS THROUGH END OF CY 1972, HAS BEEN APPROVED BY FULL HOUSE COMMITTEE. WE DO NOT KNOW WHEN FULL SENATE COMMITTEE WILL ACT.
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